THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: Proposals for acquiring 300 ulkudis and 1,000 house-sites are under examination by the Collector. I hope that within the prescribed time house-sites would be acquired and allotted.

SRI O. KORAN: It is understood that 300 sites have been ordered to be acquired. After the passing of the Malabar Tenancy Act of 1954, many Harijans were evicted from their ulkudis by their influential landlords and as a result they are without house-sites. In view of this position, will the Government consider the desirability of acquiring more house-sites for Harijans?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: I have just now answered that 300 ulkudis and 1,000 house-sites are proposed to be acquired.

Language Pandits

9-20 a.m. * 2566 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether language Pandits are classified into two grades, namely, I Grade and II Grade;

(*b*) the principle governing such classification;

(*c*) the qualifications for getting classification as I Grade and II Grade by (1) Tamil Pandits, (2) Sanskrit Pandits and (3) Hindi Pandits; and

(*d*) the scales of pay, etc., paid to pandits under each grade and language mentioned in item (*c*)?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Pandits admitted to the Grade I scale of pay should have, besides the prescribed qualifications, work for not less than 17 hours per week in the higher forms (IV to VI) of High Schools. Other Pandits will be eligible for pay in the Grade II scale.

(*c*) & (*d*) A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1953

* 2567 Q.—SRI M. PALANIYANDI (on behalf of Sri S. Pakkiriswami Pillai): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of the Engineering firms closed in the City of Madras after the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1953 came into force;

(*b*) the reasons therefor;

(*c*) the number of workers laid off retrenched or kept out of work in each case; and

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(*d*) the action taken by the Government to help the workers thrown out of employment?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) *to* (*d*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Cannanore

* 2568 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the general body meeting of the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society of Cannanore, held on 19th September 1954 sanctioned certain concessions to the employees of the Society subject to the approval of the Government; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government approved the recommendation of the Society.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [b] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: When was the instruction given to the various Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies with regard to payment of ex gratia allowance and leave salary? May I know whether the Government have got any information whether these societies have implemented the instructions issued by the Government on these topics?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: The Government have given their approval to the Collector's proposal and permitted the adoption of by-laws for this purpose with retrospective effect.

Sulochana Mudaliar Bridge over the Thambaraparani

* 2569 *Q.*—SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to widen the Sulochana Mudaliar Bridge over the Thambaraparani river which connects Palayamkottai and Tirunelveli Municipalites; and

(*b*) for how long the proposal has been pending with the Government?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) A proposal to widen the bridge was considered in June 1954. As the bridge lies on a National Highway the Government of India were addressed to meet a portion of the cost of the proposed work. They replied in May 1955 declining to comply with the request. It is therefore proposed to consider the proposal in connexion with the State Budget for 1956–57.

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[b] Printed as Appendix IV on page 563 infra.